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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KIM IL-SUNG ARRIVAL

1. KIM IL SUNG ARRIVED PEKING APRIL 18 TO THE MOST MASSIVE WELCOME IN AT LEAST THE PAST FIVE YEARS. DONE IN THE OLD PRE-CULTURAL REVOLUTION STYLE, TEIN AN MEN WAS FILLED WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BRIGHTLY DRESSED CHILDREN WAVING POM POMS, AND AS KIM'S OPEN CAR REACHED THE CENTER OF THE SQUARE THOUSANDS OF COLORED BALLOONS WERE RELEASED. THE MOTORCADE WAS ESTIMATED AT ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY CARS.

2. NCNA HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT TENG HSIAOP'ING MET KIM AT THE RAILWAY STATION ACTING ON BEHALF OF CHAIRMAN MAO. ALSO AT THE STATION

WERE CHIANG CHING, YAO WEN-YUAN, CHI TENG-KUEI, AND WU TEH. THE PRESENCE OF TENG HSIAO-PING AT THE STATION SUGGESTS THAT HE MAY BE THE

PRINCIPAL FIGURE IN THE KIM VISIT AND RAISES THE QUESTION OF WHERE WAS WANG HUNG-WEN? HE MAY APPEAR LATER AT THE GUEST HOUSE OR WITH MAO TSE-TUNG OR CHOU EN-LAI, BUT HIS

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FAILURE TO APPEAR THUS FAR COULD RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS

STATUS.

3. BANQUET SPEECHES AND APPEARANCES TONIGHT WILL GIVE US A CLEARER
PICTURE BOTH OF THE LEADERSHIP LINE-UP FOR THE VISIT AND THE MOTIVES
FOR SUCH A VISIT AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. HOLDRIDGE

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